

the GatePost

"I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved" John 10:9

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**Making
Disciples
for Life** 

September 21, 2026

There Are Good Works To Be Done

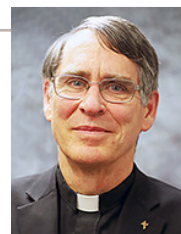
The Synod in convention this July assigned us in the districts a lot of good works to do. We trust that Jesus Christ will send us His Spirit, so that we can do them. Here are some ideas:

1-01A "focus on placing missionaries in ethnic ministries as new mission starts." Are there non-English-speaking populations near you, which we should consider reaching?

1-05A "engage in biblically-based, confessionally-faithful best practices concerning planning for the future, outreach to the community, caring for inactive members and intentionally incorporating current members in the life of the church." I can get you going on this with the workshop "Exploring God's Mission Here," and Dr. Ken Schurb at the CID office can then lead you into "*re:Vitality*" modules which focus on these four areas.

1-06A "To Support Lutheran Congregations and Schools in Urban Context." If you think this includes you, talk with Trip Rodgers or Patrick Gumz at the CID office for what sorts of support Synod's Office of National Mission can provide.

1-07A "plant churches through preaching stations supported by existing congregations and their pastors" "to partner with districts to identify locations at the parish level and support the planting of Synod congregations." If you have any suggestions for locations, or are willing to get involved, let me know.



From the *President's Desk*

Rev. Mark Eddy, CID President
meddy@cidlcms.org

1-08A "(ONM) work with districts to foster networking for congregations, schools, and workers, especially in urban and rural contexts, to maintain robust ministry presence." If you want help in networking, get in touch with the District office, and we'll include you.

3-01A "continue to promote and encourage both church workers and congregation members to be involved in pro-life efforts, such as advocating state and federal lawmakers to protect and defend human life from conception until natural death, educating congregation members and school families about the God-given sanctify and dignity of human life, and finding myriad ways to care for the body and soul need of fathers, mothers, babies, and whole families." Something there for every

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There Are Good Works To Be Done

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Church member. If you would like some ideas on what you can do, ask around. Lutherans for Life members and/or pro-life pregnancy centers are all around. The District can help get you in touch.

3-02A “To Promote Awareness of Christian Adoption and Fostering Needs.” A number of our members have been involved as foster or adoptive parents. If you are one, would you be willing to have someone contact you to learn how?

3-03A “... To Require Districts to Appoint Disaster Response Coordinators.” CID currently does not have such a person. Are you interested? Someone familiar with Lutheran Emergency Response Teams, with a heart for hurting people and some organizational skills, is just the kind of person who could help us out in this. LCMS Disaster Response and LERT would help you provide training in the District.

3-06A “establish at least one partnership with a faith-based care ministry for those suffering from addiction.” If you are familiar with a Christian ministry doing this within the boundaries of CID, please give the District office their contact information, and give us an idea of how what that organization does, and how it works.

6-13 “That districts make ample use of resources from ONM (*Exploring God’s Mission Here, re:Vitality*) and the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (Ministry Clarity, Seasons of Ministry) to help congregations assess their current situation and find the best model for ministry ...” If your circuit hasn’t already scheduled one of these, contact the District office, and we’ll get you involved.



“Let none hear you idly saying, ‘There is nothing I can do,’

While the multitudes are dying, And the Master calls for you.

Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His work your pleasure be;

Answer quickly when He calleth, ‘Here am I, send me, send me!’”
(LSB 826:4) Amen.

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RE:VITALITY

BECAUSE WE'RE THE CHURCH

For Your Use – re:Vitality Resources

re:Vitality is, literally, *about vitality*. Every congregation — regardless of size, setting, or average membership age — has vitality. It has life.

This life as the people of God comes straight from the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Vine, we the branches. Wherever His Word is proclaimed and His sacraments are administered, the Holy Spirit is giving life. In this sinful world, the church's life in Christ needs nurture, direction, and stewarding.

Our Synod's *re:Vitality* program provides congregations help in several important areas. These tools are for your use, and all at no charge!

The *Congregational Assessment of Development/Decline Status* (CAD/DS) is a roughly 100-question survey that will yield a one-page "snapshot" showing what your congregation's members (and any interested friends of the church who also take the survey) think are its relative strengths and weaknesses. Your demographic report (available separately from the District office) tells you about your *community*, and the CAD/DS helps you to know your *capacity*. If you are interested in conducting a CAD/DS survey at your church, please contact Ken Schurb at the CID office.

In addition to the CAD/DS assessment, the Synod offers several *re:Vitality* modules. Most are available on a "self-directed" basis. That is, they require no outside facilitator and can be scheduled to suit your convenience. Modules include:

- **Connect to Disciple**, an outreach module. While "witness" is one-on-one communication of the Gospel, "outreach" refers to the organized efforts of a congregation or its auxiliary organizations to move people from an initial contact or connection with the church to being gathered around God's Word and Sacraments with the rest of the congregation as a *disciple*. The module features a four-step process: "Build Awareness, Create Connections, Build Relationships, Make Disciples."
- **Beyond the Classroom** is an adaptation of *Connect to Disciple* especially for churches operating Lutheran schools, singly or in tandem with others. CID provides

facilitators for this workshop. Contact Trip Rodgers at the District office if you are interested.

- **Shepherding our Strays** focuses on inactive members. It provides a Bible study and a self-directed workshop to prepare you for purposeful reaching out to inactive members, both short- and long-term, in a realistic way. Many congregations note that they want very much to reach out to their inactives. Here is help!
- **Serving in God's Mission** deals with strategic planning. It guides congregations through a process designed with the needs of Lutheran churches in mind, to help you develop a plan to carry out your part of God's mission in the unique place where you are.
- Scheduled for release: **Members of One Body**. This module is about assimilation of church members — or perhaps better to say, *incorporation* of these members — helping people to find meaningful roles in their congregation's mission.

Additional information about these *re:Vitality* tools can be found and downloaded at <https://www.lcms.org/church-revitalization> Or contact Ken Schurb at the CID office.



You may recall hearing about some of these *re:Vitality* resources before. Somehow, though, you don't think much about a resource until you need it. Has the time come for *your* congregation?

Save the Dates

FOR WINTER, 2027 SMALL CHURCH SUMMIT



REMEMBER:

If you think your church is small, you're invited.

And all are welcome!

As in the past, winter Small Church Summit (SCS) will meet in two locations, 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays (with a "snow date" for each). Parallel programs will be offered in the two locations. Here is the plan:

- **Our Savior, Washington**

January 30 or if weather is bad then February 6
1209 Kingsbury Rd, Washington, IL 61571-1212

- **Trinity, Nokomis**

February 13 or if weather is bad then February 20
204 N Pine St, Nokomis, IL 62075-1230

Unlike past SCS meetings, though, this one will not include a particular "keynote" speaker. Instead, the morning session will feature representatives of small-church parishes (two from CID at the Washington SCS, and two from SID at the Nokomis SCS) who will tell participants about life in their congregations.

Often, it is easy for smaller churches to get "down in the mouth" about the size of their membership or the ruts into which they may have fallen as a group. Here is an opportunity to hear from pastors and laypeople representing churches that, while small, are still rejoicing in Christ and in the ministry of Word and Sacrament. They have found themselves able to meet new challenges and/or start new initiatives. A "whole group" question-and-answer time will cap the morning.

In the afternoon, the same church representatives will be back, available for additional conversation with participants in sectional sessions. Other sectional offerings include: avoiding burnout, reaching inactive members, and resources available for your use.

Congregations in the southern part of CID may find it helpful to attend this SCS at the Nokomis location. In any case, congregations: don't send just one person! Send at least two or three so they can attend all the sectionals between them.

Questions? Contact Dr. Ken Schurb at the CID office, kschurb@cidlcms.org

It is not too early to register. Click on this link: <https://forms.gle/t7p6Vkr1o1rEWq7t5>
(If you find that the link does not work, contact Ken Schurb at the above e-mail address.)



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Lutherans For Life 2027 Illinois Essay Contest

Sponsored by the LFL Council of Federation Presidents

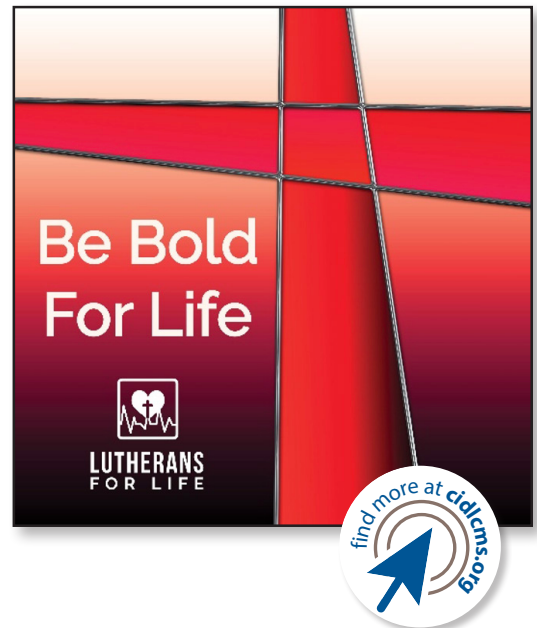
For Students in Grades 6–8 and 9–12

Any student in a Lutheran school or Lutheran congregation (e.g., confirmation class, youth group, Lutheran home school) is eligible when validated by their teacher or pastor, along with parental consent.

Contest Guidelines

Students will write a life-affirming essay based on the theme **“Be Bold For Life”** using Psalm 31:24, “Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!”

1. Examples of topics the essay could deal with are – but are not limited to – abortion, disabilities, adoption, foster care, infanticide, physician-assisted suicide, hospice care, sexual purity, etc. For support or resources on the sanctity of life, visit lutheransforlife.org.
2. The first page of the essay must include the student’s name, grade, school or church, a personal mailing address, email address, and phone number (of the student or parent).
3. All entries must be submitted by a teacher or pastor and include their contact information.
4. **Grades 6–8** should submit essays up to 400 words. **Grades 9–12** should submit essays up to 750 words. The word count does not include the title, footnotes, or bibliography.
5. Entries must be submitted digitally using Microsoft Word or Google Docs (*PDF files or other formats will not be accepted*). Email your entry to **Cathy Benning** at cathy.benning.os@gmail.com by March 15, 2027.
6. The omission of any of the following required items will cause disqualification of the essay:
 - a. The essay must include the entire theme and entire theme Bible verse as part of the written text.
 - b. Each essay must include a title. Using the required theme as a title is acceptable but does not replace using the theme and verse within the essay.
 - c. The essay must be in complete agreement with the Lutherans For Life mission to “Equip Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life”.
 - d. A Bibliography listing sources used is required.
 - e. Exceeding the appropriate word count is not acceptable.
7. Essays should make good use of standard essay writing components, including introduction and conclusion, main points, organization, style, mechanics, sources, and bibliography.
8. There will be a \$200 first-place award and a \$100 second-place award for each of the two categories. The first-place winner from each category will advance to the national contest.
9. The national award for the winning entry in each category is \$500 for first place, plus free conference registration to the 2027 Lutherans For Life conference for the student and his/her parents, one-night stay at the conference hotel for the student and his/her parents, \$200 travel expense reserved for conference travel only, and a framed certificate. The second-place award is \$250 and a framed certificate.
10. All entries, including exclusive copyrights, become the property of Lutherans For Life.



Visit the CID website for additional information, AI guidelines, and essay structural elements.

<https://www.cidlcms.org/education-essay-contest.html>



**LUTHERANS
FOR LIFE**

A Dollar for Missions News

This year five projects have been approved and three have already been completed. Dollar for Missions has assisted in the funding of Hispanic ministry in Beardstown, paid for a beautiful aluminum sign for Wittenberg Student Center at Illinois State, and has provided funds for Immanuel, Charleston, to revamp its student library. The two remaining projects include new flooring for the Wittenberg Student Center sanctuary and fellowship hall, and providing technology equipment and instruction materials for Central IL Deaf Outreach.

DFM Online

New this year, you can now support DFM through online giving. Many people no longer carry cash but still want to support the Central Illinois District's mission work. One-time and recurring donations are now available online at

<https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/LCMSCentralIllinoisDistrict/D4M>

or by using the QR code. *All new recurring gifts will be matched by a special one-time gift, up to \$20,000.*



PRAYER

*O Lord, open the hearts of your people to support the proclamation of the Good News about Jesus in ways large and small.
Bless the Dollars for Mission that support mission work in unusual ways. In Jesus' name. Amen.*



You can always find out more about DFM, including the present project at any time, at <https://www.cidcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html>



Holy Trinity Lutheran High School Installs Principal

Reverend Stephen Rutherford was installed as Principal of Holy Trinity Lutheran High School in Effingham, IL, on August 23, 2026. Holy Trinity is a newly formed Lutheran high school, opening its doors to students in the fall of 2027. Around 150 people gathered to witness this momentous event. Please pray for Principal Rutherford and Holy Trinity Lutheran High School.

ROOTED IN CHRIST: CID YOUTH EVENT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 • CAMP CILCA

4124 CAMP CILCA RD, CANTRALL, IL 62625

Youth from across CID are invited to gather on Saturday, November 7, for a full day of worship, fellowship, and spiritual growth at Camp CILCA. This year's event carries the theme **"Rooted in Christ,"** drawn from Colossians 2:6–7, which calls believers to walk in Christ, *"rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith."*

Registration will open at 8:30 a.m., with programming running until 4:00 p.m. Organizers are planning a day filled with worship, small-group discussion, and recreation, all centered on what it means for young people to grow deep in their faith and stand firm together as a community.

The cost to attend is \$40 per youth, which covers the full day of activities. Adult volunteers attend free of charge, and organizers are encouraging churches to bring chaperones to support their youth groups throughout the day.

Camp CILCA, a longtime retreat and camp facility, offers a peaceful, natural setting well-suited for a day of reflection and connection. Registration is now open — churches and families can sign up using the link below.

Register online at <https://pci.jotform.com/form/262385217608057> Final registration deadline is October 30, 2026. T-Shirt order deadline is October 21, 2026. For questions, contact your CID Youth Coordinator.



GROW DEEP. STAND FIRM. WALK ROOTED.

2026 Lutheran Schools Bible Bowl

Saturday, November 14, 2026 • 10 am (Ending before 12 pm)

Our Savior's Lutheran School

2645 Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield

The Bible Bowl is similar to an academic bowl with Bible knowledge as the content of focus. Students will compete with their teammates against other area Lutheran schools in six rounds of Bible trivia, including people from the Bible, places from the Bible, and books of the Bible.

Entry fee is \$15 per team with a cap of \$45 per school who plan to enter multiple teams. Make checks payable to Our Savior's Lutheran School.

There will be three levels of competition: Grades 3-4, Grades 5-6, and Grades 7-8. Teams are made up of three or four students. Individual schools may enter one or two teams at each level. Potentially, a school could enter six teams. (The entry fee would still be \$45.)

Deadline to enter is Friday, November 6th. Questions? Please reach out to Carmen Yagow at carmen.yagow@oursaviors-school.org or (217) 546-4531.

To enter, complete the form at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCCA4JPz9b9M9I2PM0jE6mRE2B1nfFufHvrCNYqB5qHx6nmA/viewform>





Lutheran Women in Mission

CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT

News

Fall Rallies

As I write this article, the zones of CID LWML are meeting for Fall Rallies. They are something a little different this time, as we are meeting with joint zone rallies. We hope to encourage fellowship between the zones and honestly, to ease obtaining speakers and to ease travel for LWML personnel.

Our Fall Rally theme is **Great Is The Lord! Tell of His Mighty Acts to All Generations**, based on Psalm 145:3-4. Our speakers include Rev. Michael Schuermann, Rev. Chris Hull, and Rev. William Jensen, all campus ministry Pastors. Various in-gatherings will be held, some benefiting these campus outreaches. Some zones will have new officers elected. We thank those who have served and will welcome at our October 2nd board meeting those who step into office.

Fall Retreat

Our Fall LWML CID Retreat will be held October 2nd and 3rd at Camp CILCA. **'A Time For', an LWML Bible Study Retreat** will be the theme. More information and registration forms are found on the LWML website at <https://lwmlcid.org/news-and-events>.

LWML Sunday

Groups are putting together plans for LWML Sunday in their churches. The focus for this year is Supporting Missions. See what your church group is doing to celebrate LWML. Please support them. Join them for great mission opportunities in your community.

Mite Collection

As always, we continue to collect our mites to support the projects chosen at the last District Convention. Perhaps our first grant amount of \$30,000 for Church Worker scholarships through CID can be paid in October or November.

— Cheryl Long, CID LWML District President

Mission Grant Progress

Year 26-28 Goal: **\$220,000**



12.79%
of goal



\$28,135.70
collected



Remaining:
\$191,864.30



As of September
4, 2026

To God be the Glory as we Serve Him with Gladness.



WitnessingHELPS

Four Witnessing Helps sheets accompanied by two-minute introductory videos are available at

<https://www.cidlms.org/outreach-witness-ministry.html>



MINISTRY OUTREACH GRANT PROGRAM



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Grants help congregations, organizations, boards, committees, and individuals carry out mission, ministry, and outreach.



Grant categories include Seed Grants, Support Grants, Professional Development Grants, and Central Illinois District Special Ministry Grants.



Priority areas include rural congregations and schools, youth and congregational ministry, reaching the unchurched, supporting church workers and families, technological and societal change, multicultural communities, and the needs of older adults.



Projects should be timely, credible, measurable, accountable, and have potential for continued support after grant funding ends.



**Applications due
no later than
October 1, 2026**

**Learn more and
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CID Church Extension Fund

1850 North Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702

cef@cidlcms.org (217) 793-1802

CID DELEGATES AT THE LCMS CONVENTION



The 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod was held July 18-23, 2026, in downtown Phoenix, Arizona. The following CID delegates attended the Convention.

Voting Ordained (Pastors)

- Leonard A. Astrowski Jr. – Immanuel, Rock Island
- David Dunlop – Zion, Chestnut
- Mark Gearig – St. Paul's, Decatur
- Brian Johnston – Trinity, Taylorville
- Michael Feldmann – Salem, Salem
- Jordan Peiser – Faith, Shumway
- Adrian Piazza – Our Redeemer, Robinson
- Matthew Riley – St. James, Quincy
- Kyle Ronchetto – St. Paul, Chenoa
- Michael Schuermann – University, Champaign
- Jonah Schultz – Salem, Jacksonville
- Dan Smith – Grace, Paris
- Joshua Traxel – Our Savior's, Springfield
- Aaron Uphoff – Calvary, Watseka
- Michael Wagnitz – St. Paul, Brimfield

Voting Lay

- John Casebeer – Trinity, Decatur
- Derek Drockelman – Concordia, Geneseo
- Jon Engelbart – St. Paul, Wheeler
- Michael Fricke – Bethlehem, Petersburg
- John Hagen – Faith, Sullivan
- Jacob Harms – Our Savior, Milford
- Ed Homann – St. Paul's, Mattoon
- Thomas Hurley – St. John, Quincy
- Michael Kirchhoff – St. Paul, Altamont
- Kevin Kothe – Christ, Normal
- John Lovell – Bethel, Morton
- Andy Mihm – St. John, Champaign
- John Myers – St. John, Beardstown

Advisory Ordained (Pastors)

- Robert Bruer – Mount Zion, Mount Zion
- Mark Eddy – Central IL District
- Patrick Gumz – Central IL District

Advisory Commissioned

- Bryce Becker – St John's, Mattoon
- Sandra Spitz – Immanuel, Loda



Fall Work Day

Saturday,
November 7, 2026

Fall Work Day at Camp CILCA will be on Saturday, November 7, 2026. On that day we will turn the water off and prepare the camp for the winter by doing many chores including raking leaves, cleaning buildings, moving picnic tables, and moving other items into storage, such as fire extinguishers. We will begin the day at 9 am. You are welcome to come anytime. Lunch is provided. Typically, we are finished working after lunch. We hope to see you there!

Email director@cilca.org to let us know you are coming.



Illinois Districts Invite Second-Chair Leaders (DCEs) to Fall Retreat at Camp CILCA

The Central, Northern, and Southern Illinois Districts are hosting a retreat this fall for those serving in second-chair leadership roles in their church, school, or organization — a chance to connect with colleagues in ministry, rest, and grow spiritually together.

When: Sunday, November 1 – Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Where: Camp CILCA, Cantrall, IL (about 15 minutes north of Springfield)

Cost: \$125 per participant

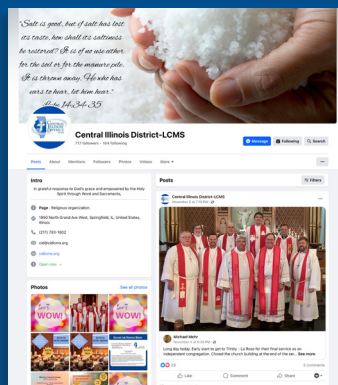
Reading: Participants are asked to purchase and read *Connected to Christ: Overcoming Isolation through Community* before the Retreat. Everyone will also receive a copy of *Captivating Conversations*.

Registration: Opens September 9, 2026 • Deadline October 19, 2026
Register online at <https://www.vancoevents.com/us/events/landing/68001>

Teaching Leader: Rev. Brian Davies, author of *Connected to Christ*, will lead teaching throughout the Retreat. He serves at Lord of Glory Lutheran Church in Grayslake, IL, and as chaplain for two area fire departments.

What to Expect: Teaching sessions on staying connected to Christ in community, daily worship and devotions, small-group time, restful fellowship, and camp activities including archery, hiking, boating, the challenge course, and more.

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OR FLEXIBLE SAVINGS – Interest added to account monthly, statement sent quarterly

- ☐ Regular Flexible Savings Account Interest Rate: 0.40% Minimum: \$25 - available to all customers
☐ Capital Campaign Flexible Savings Account Interest Rate: 1.00% Minimum: \$500 - available only to religious organizations

Account Ownership (Complete A, B, or C. Please print)

A. Sole or Joint Owners (One or more owners as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship and not tenants in common. Beneficiaries may be designated on "Beneficiary Designation" form. Interest is reported to the IRS using the Social Security number of the first owner listed.)

1. _____
Last or Religious Organization Name First MI Social Security # or TIN Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
2. _____
Last First MI Social Security # Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
3. _____
Last First MI Social Security # Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

☐ Check if "Beneficiary Designation" form is attached ☐ Check that all joint owners have signed application

B. Trust ("Certificate of Existence of Trust and Authority to Act" must be completed and sent with application)

Name of Trust Social Security #/TIN

C. Custodian Investment for Minor (Under the Illinois Uniform Transfers to Minors Act)

MINOR Last First MI Social Security # Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

CUSTODIAN Last First MI Social Security # Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

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Contact Information for Account (Please print)

Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email Address

Supporting Investments

(Please provide the organization name to be recognized for current or future investment requirements)

Your Home Congregation or Other LCMS Organization

City

Investment Certification and Signature – Signatures of all account owners are required.

By signing this application ("I" refers to all applicants, whether one or more), I certify that:

- All information provided is true and correct.
- I am of legal age and not a minor.
- I authorize the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund to initiate any correcting debit or credit that may be necessary.
- I have received a current Offering Circular of the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund.
- I am a member of, contributor to, or participant in The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or any district or other program, activity, or organization which constitutes a part of the Synod or any of its districts, or I am an ancestor, descendant, or successor in interest to such person.
- I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).
- The Social Security or Tax ID number shown for me on this application is correct.
- I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) the IRS has not notified me that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding. Please draw an "X" through the preceding sentence if you ARE currently subject to backup withholding. Due to IRS regulations, the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund cannot record your investment until your Taxpayer Identification Number is provided and the above certification signed. The IRS does not require your consent to any provisions of this application other than the certifications required to avoid backup withholding.

Signature of Account Owner/Trustee/Custodian/Authorized Signer

Date

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